

**Staff Jurisdiction Analysis Summary
City of Mendota, Fresno County
2012-13 CalRecycle Jurisdiction Review Cycle**

Based upon the review of diversion program implementation, LAMD staff recommends the City of Mendota (City) as making a good faith effort (GFE) to meet the requirements of AB939.

Subsequent to its 2011 Jurisdiction Compliance Unit (JCU) investigation of residential, commercial multi-family, schools, government and institutional diversion programs, the City and its hauler have made significant efforts towards providing bi-lingual educational materials to the residents of Mendota. The hauler provides recycling education and outreach programs as a way to reach out to residents in single family homes, multi-family complexes, the Housing Authority, and Labor camps. City government diversion and recycled content procurement programs have been observed to be effective as summarized below:

- **Residential:** The City has mandatory three cart recycling, greenwaste and trash service. The City's ordinances and franchise hauler agreement includes requirements to improve diversion and to promote the residential curbside program. Twenty-two of the 25 multi-family complexes now have recycling programs. The hauler has encouraged diversion through its increased education and outreach to residents using billing inserts and flyers, attending community events to raise awareness about the City's curbside recycling program, and by providing resources on its website. The City's education and outreach program reaches out to residents in single family homes, multi-family complexes, Housing Authority, and Labor camps. Working with the hauler, the City has increased its public education efforts developing bi-lingual materials for residents. The hauler has attended community events to raise awareness about the curbside recycling program and provides excellent resources on its website encouraging diversion. About half of the population rents and there is an additional migrant population during harvest season which makes outreach difficult but the City continues to address this challenge. LAMD staff will continue to help resolve these issues.
- **Commercial:** Recycling and trash are mandatory, and green waste is voluntary. Prior to the mandatory program, the commercial participation rate was 60%. The City's businesses currently have a 100% commercial participation rate. The City's ordinances and the hauler agreements are aimed at decreasing disposal and increasing diversion. There may be back-hauling and self-hauling of which the City is not aware. The hauler monitors its commercial accounts throughout the year, especially to see if any contamination issues arise. When a contamination issue does arise, the hauler meets with the owners/managers directly to provide education on diversion and correct recycling practices. In 2014, the hauler began offering voluntary collection of business' organics, including food waste.
- **MCR:** In 2012 the City began implementing MCR with greenwaste recycling included on a voluntary basis. Prior to 2011, the City had few businesses with recycling containers. The City now requires businesses to recycle and has a 100% participation rate. The hauler has a strong education program, providing bilingual materials and presentations to businesses, multi-family complexes and schools. Waste assessments are provided to each new business. There are 25 multi-family complexes and the hauler has implemented recycling in all but two complexes. The

hauler has made several attempts to contact the owners of these complexes and may need the support of the City to ensure implementation. LAMD staff will continue to monitor multi-family challenges and will work with the City and hauler to assist as appropriate.

- **Construction & Demolition (C&D) Debris:** The City has a C&D ordinance that requires 60% diversion. Each project applicant is provided with recycling information and CalGreen requirements. The hauler provides a brochure as well. All builders must follow the 2013 Green Building Standards/CALGreen. The franchised hauler handles all C&D material and works with the City to make sure project applicants receive educational materials about the requirements. During construction, the City Inspector verifies that materials are being separated appropriately. The application process is run effectively by the City and information is relayed to the hauler who tracks the tonnages and diversion information.
- **Government:** The City has three office buildings that have recycling. Staff is provided with a waste reduction tip sheet and has placed posters throughout each office. The City considers recycling to be second nature with staff recycling materials including paper, bottles, and cans. Public Works staff grass cycles at the City's parks and government properties. The City has an effective Environmentally Preferable Procurement (EPP) policy which is adhered to by City purchasing staff. The policy requires City staff to purchase products and services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and environment. LAMD staff will monitor purchasing practices and assist as appropriate.